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CAMPUS | INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM SYMPOSIUM

Terror knows no boundaries

German security officer gives speech about preventing terrorism during world events

By **Adam Palmasani**
Staff Correspondent

Terrorism is inescapable. "America is no longer an island of paradise," said Wilhelm Schmidbauer while answering a question about the existence of terrorism.

Schmidbauer is the head of police in Munich, Germany and has dealt with security for such events as the World Cup and Oktoberfest.

Schmidbauer spoke last night in the Buzzard Auditorium to discuss his efforts to prevent further

terrorist activity in his home country, Germany.

Munich, Germany played host to the World Cup this past summer and the efforts to keep everyone safe were substantial.

Schmidbauer and his police force used new technology and surveillance techniques to prevent terrorist activity.

Schmidbauer said he believes his police force took the appropriate measures when faced with a possible threat.

"Islamic extremists can be found everywhere," Schmidbauer said.

These terrorists, however, can be difficult to identify and represent an imminent threat.

Major events, such as the World Cup, can serve as a platform for these terrorist groups.

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Former Russian police officer also speaks

By **Sarah Whitney**
News Editor

Vladimir Sergevnnin thinks countries need to present a united front toward terrorism if it's going to be stopped.

"We have to have a common approach to this problem," he said.

Sergevnnin spoke at the Symposium on International Terrorism that took place Monday and was sponsored by the EIU Public Policy Institute.

Sergevnnin teaches at the Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute out of Western Illinois University.

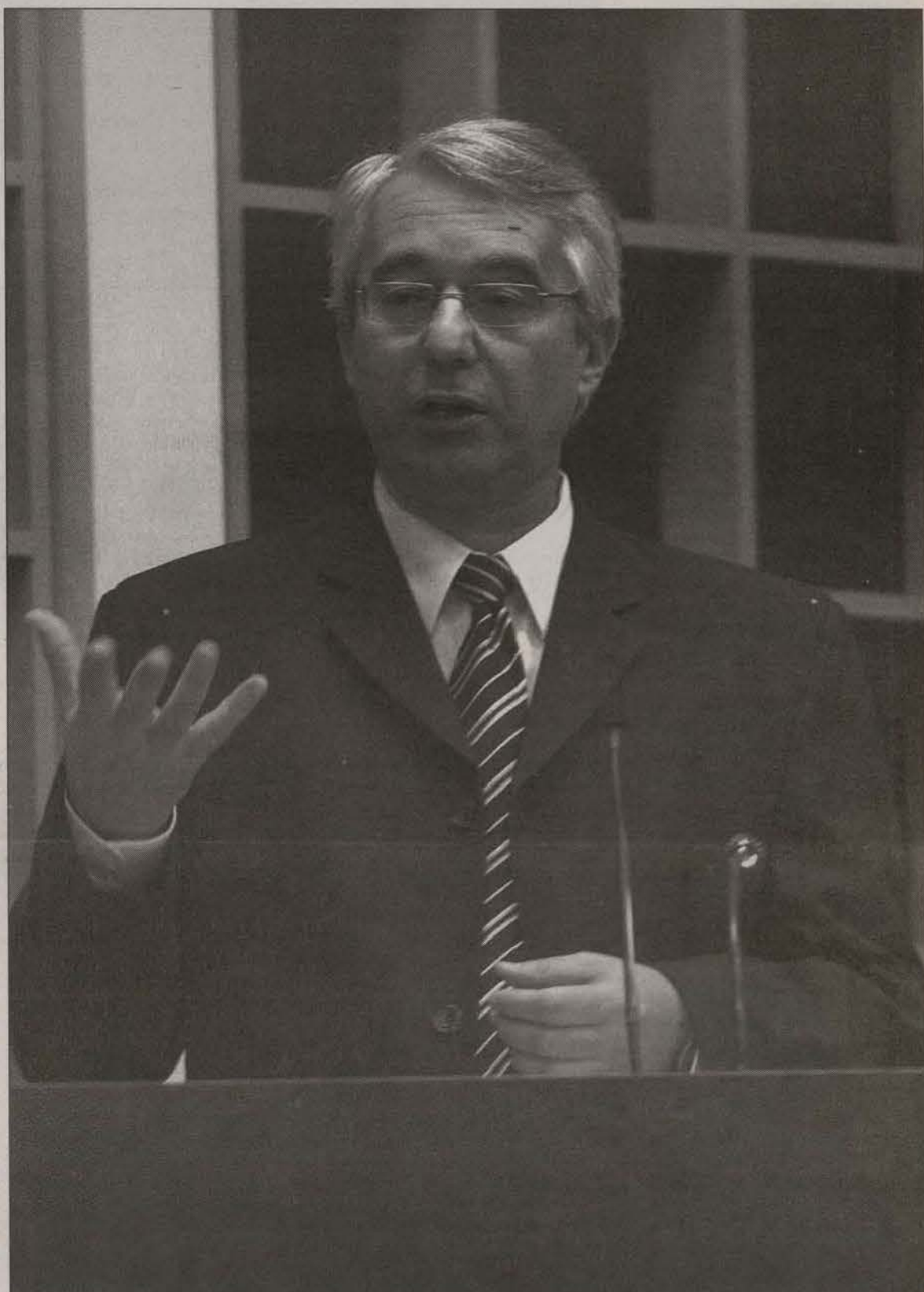
He was a former law enforcement officer in Russia before coming to the United States. He talked about the obstacles countries need to overcome to deal with terrorism, defining the terminology, communication between different agencies in countries own government, and Rule of Law.

The first step to presenting a unified front is to define the terminology, he said.

"What is terrorism," he asked. "Terrorism is a threat of violence, or using violence."

Many agree that this is universal."

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Wilhelm Schmidbauer, police commissioner of Munich, Germany speaks in front of a packed crowd Monday night in Buzzard Auditorium. Schmidbauer spoke about the coordination of security and protection against terrorism in Germany for the World Cup, the pope's visit, and Oktoberfest.

County Clerk retires after 20 years on the job

By **Kevin Kenealy**
Online Reporter

After 35 years at Charleston's County Court House, Betty Coffrin will say goodbye this Thursday. Newly elected County Court Clerk Sue Rennels of Ashmore will say hello Friday.

It was raining the day of her interview, almost symbolic of her leaving.

"Just can't believe it's coming to an end here," she said before the tape recorder even had a chance to record, tears holding back.

But now after being in the position 35 years and elected for 20, it's her time to step down and let Rennels come in.

Coffrin found her place in

government after going to work in Washington D.C. in 1967 as a clerk typist in the identification division for the FBI, something she said was not "anything exciting."

And it was as a deputy sheriff that she started her career in the County Board, then to an entry-level position in vital records, and then on to her cemented spot as County Clerk.

"And the rest is history, so to speak," she said.

That history includes Coffrin as the secretary and on the board of directors for Coles County's Court Appointed Special Advocates, the Charleston VFW, president of Coles County's Republican's Women's Club and treasurer and legislative executive of the

Committee of Illinois Association of County Clerk's and Records, a position she's served since 1990. And these are just a few of the organizations she's belonged too.

For a number of years, she has been involved on the Red, White and Blue Days Committee and was the founding member of that committee, responsible for planning and coordinating Charleston's Red, White and Blue Days Parade every July 4.

The event is something that although retiring, Coffrin said she would not abandon.

"That's very near and dear to my heart," she said.

Yet most people will probably remember her for her work with voting, to which she described the

environment at the office on this year's past election day as almost hysterical.

"[I was] here at the office at 4:30 in the morning, and you start hearing calls from judges that can't handle a forum, lot of voter calls who don't know where to vote, and at the end of the day you get lots of calls from the press wanting election results and that," Coffrin said.

This past election, which yielded lower voter turnout than the state and local elections in 2002, is a result of both what Coffrin attributes to a lack of responsibility by the voters and the elected officials not inspiring young people to go vote.

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CAMPUS

Cherokee woman speaks to campus crowd on heritage

» Pauline Hilb told stories of her childhood and explained her knowledge of the Cherokee language in a talk on campus on Monday.

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SPORTS

Women's basketball readies for road game tonight

» Sophomore forward Rachel Galligan returns to her hometown of Bloomington to battle the Redbirds of Illinois State.

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» **Terror**

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Schmidbauer focused much of his speech on the current threat posed by Islamic terrorists during world events and efforts made by his police staff.

"It is safe to say that terrorism is the scourge of our time," Schmidbauer said.

The biggest threat for the security of world events is the actions of international extremists and terrorists, he said.

The terrorists want to scare the world's population. Therefore, they try to attack events where they can kill large numbers of people and can gain substantial coverage, he explained.

Anyone can be a terrorist and the profile has changed. Men, women and children from any country, origin and social class can be a terrorist, Schmidbauer said.

Germany has recently been the target of such terrorist activity. Bombs were found near the city of Cologne in two trains filled with passengers. The bombs did not detonate because the terrorists responsible used too much explosives.

The world needs to be able to stop these terrorists before they can act, he said. Therefore, surveillance of those thought to be terrorists is highly important. Modern technologies are assisting in police investigations of terrorists, Schmidbauer said.

"We adapted our police strategy and operational concerns to

this special threat. The scope of surveillance measures carried out reaches from observations to the surveillance of telecommunications and living space," Schmidbauer said.

Former U.S. Marshall Robert Moore attended the event and agrees with him.

Moore said there is a global problem with terrorism and how to discover and maintain the problem while respecting everyone's rights.

"We learn from other countries and that's why we bring people together... it is a global issue," Moore said.

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, said the speech was a success.

There was a "wonderful crowd, and it was interesting to hear about their efforts," Hanner said.

» **Clerk**

FROM PAGE 1

"People count on you not voting, especially people in your age group, they expect you not to vote, and I would just really like to see the student population show them differently," she said.

She has also said that while she personally feels that campaigns have overall taken a downward spiral through negative campaigning, she thinks that young people can't keep overlooking the importance of local elections.

"Everything has an effect on the students while they're here, so while the students may not care about the school board, what the school board does is going to directly impact

you," she said.

While a major portion of Coffrin's job included getting the word out on voting, she made it clear that is not the sole responsibility of the county clerk.

Coffrin said things she would recommend to anybody and especially to Rennels would be to take one thing at a time and remember that elections are not the only part of the job, but also taking care of vital records, passports, being the recorder of deeds, and making the tax rates.

She made comment a couple of times that her choice to retire came because, simply, she didn't want to be the dinosaur in the courthouse. Now that she'll be leaving, Coffrin looks to spend more time with her "two little grandsons" and get

involved in other things.

"I'm not going to just retire and go away," she said. "I have a lot of interest in children's organizations and that sort of thing."

Rennels, who has been working two jobs for the past year and a half has said she has worked closely with Betty for little over a year now and has been taking her advice and watching her as closely as she can.

What Rennels has not said is what she plans to do once in the office.

"I think people can make promises and this and that, but until you're there... I do have some things I want to explore, with elections and election judges," Rennels said. "She [Coffrin] deserves happiness and a little bit less than relaxation."



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

County Clerk Betty Coffrin stands in front of the Coles County Courthouse where she has worked for the past 35 years. Coffrin was elected to her position in 1986 and is retiring Thursday.

» **Officer**

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But that's where the similarities stop.

He explained that countries like the United Kingdom call the same humans freedom fighters who in Russia are considered terrorists.

They may have a good cause, but why kill students to make your point, he said.

By uniting together, terrorists — regardless of the definition — would have no place to hide, he said.

The Charleston-Mattoon room was partially filled with mostly police officers, community members and professors.

University Police Chief

Adam Due said that he found Sergevin's points very interesting specifically his final point that in Russia, law enforcement officials can use more authoritarian practices.

"We want to do things to protect students, but we have to respect their rights and privacy," he said about the differences between the way law enforcement works in the United States versus Russia.

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Grandmother receives standing ovation

Pauline Hilb
experienced firsthand
the difficulties of
growing up Native
American

By Kristina Peters
Activities Reporter

Cherokee Indian Pauline Hilb was forced to learn English.

Hilb, who was born in 1932, grew up in the Eastern part of Oklahoma in Cherokee territory and was taken to a government school at a young age.

She said the goal of the school was to make Indians learn English and forget their native language.

However, Hilb did not forget the Cherokee language and still remembers some phrases today.

When Hilb was introduced to an audience of 24 at Monday's lecture titled "Cherokee Stories" she opened her talk with a Cherokee phrase that meant "Hello, how are you" in English.

After attending the government school and when Hilb would speak in Cherokee, her mother Maggie Redbird said it was not perfect.

"My momma said to me, 'You sound like a white woman trying to speak Indian,'" Hilb said.

Hilb spent nine months out of the year at the government school where she lived in dormitories divided into units. Spending that much time away from home was not always pleasant for Hilb.

"It was very lonely and you'd lay there listening to the trains," she said.

Although it was a lonely time, Hilb was glad to receive an education and she described how proud her father was when she came home from the school one summer after learning to read.

"I know my father wanted to give me an education," she said. "I did learn a lot at the government schools."

Hilb said that government schools, which no longer exist, were the only opportunity for education, but now Indians have a lot more.

Not only did Hilb learn English and other subjects in school, but she also learned about compassion.

Hilb told the story about how the children in the government schools would receive gifts from home and one day a girl received a package of candies.



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cherokee woman Pauline Hilb tells personal stories from her childhood which she has written down to make "Cherokee Stories" at the University Ballroom on Monday evening.

She said that all the children wanted a piece of the girl's candy and although Hilb wanted some too, and was offered some, she did not take the candy because it was sent to the little girl from her parents.

"I think she's a sweetheart," said Abby Ingram, senior English major. "It's awesome that people are so generous at such a young age."

Ingram was one of 24 people who came to listen to Hilb share her stories about growing up as a Cherokee in the United States.

Hilb is the grandmother of graduate student Sara Lambert, who asked her grandma to come speak at Eastern even though Hilb had uncertainties.

"I'm not really a professional speaker. I'm just a grandmother," Hilb said.

Lambert was glad her grandmother came because there were some stories Hilb told that she never heard before.

"It was exciting," she said.

Her speech was informal because

as Hilb told stories, attendees chimed in with questions, something that director of minority affairs Mona Davenport liked.

"Students today like the inner-personal conversations," Davenport said.

Hilb did not just tell stories about her time at the government schools, but about her life at home with her family as well.

She said her family was poor, and she grew up in a four bedroom house without electricity and was a "little worse than the prairie house." Hilb never had toys but rather lots of pets because her family farmed.

One of her closest friends as a child was a chicken named Peewee, who she trained to come when she called him. Peewee's neck was twitching one day and because she thought he had a cold, she gave him an aspirin, but found him dead the next day.

"He was one of my best friends," Hilb said.

As a child, Hilb would lay on the

branch of the apple trees near her home and dream about traveling the United States and owning a station wagon. In 1954, she got her wish.

In that year, Hilb got a job working for a magazine in which she traveled everywhere. She stopped her work in 1962 after getting married and deciding to settle down and have children.

Hilb is happy to see that her children are successful and that she was able to overcome life's obstacles.

"I feel happy inside that they (her children) are successful," she said. "You can't change the world but you can change yourself."

Attendees applauded Hilb after hearing her stories and Ingram, who is taking a Southwest American literature class, walked away feeling more insightful.

"(There was) a lot of good insight. We (in class) haven't covered anything about the government schools," she said. "I saw a poster randomly today and thought I'd stopped by."

CAMPUS | FACULTY SENATE

Senate to hear proposal to require students to purchase laptops upon coming to campus

By Jessica Kinsella
Staff Reporter

The Academic Advisory Technology Committee has made a proposal to recommend all students to purchase laptops.

The ATAC, which has a representative from every department on campus, makes recommendations in order to enhance technological equipment on campus.

Brian Poulter, journalism professor, will speak at today's meeting of the Faculty Senate to

discuss the many aspects of this proposal.

The committee was asked to do research on the whole issue, which may not be something that's pursued, Poulter said.

The committee is not pushing for anything, he said.

Poulter said the committee is mainly presenting the proposal to start a conversation about the subject.

John Stimac, chair of the geology/geography department and senate recorder said the proposal would give students the opportunity to

take notes in class on their laptops.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Stimac said. "There are some real pros and cons."

Students would be able to purchase the laptops through financial aid and it would be up to individual instructors to implement, Stimac said.

There are many advantages to purchasing a laptop through the university, Poulter added.

Some students are required to purchase a laptop through their school in other universities across the United States.

Students from Indiana State are required to do so, Poulter said.

A laptop that is purchased through the university can be cheaper, offer a larger warranty and provide free software for students, he said.

Many of the questions senate members have should be answered, said Faculty Senate Chair Assege HaileMariam.

The senate will also continue discussions on the Faculty Forum.

The meeting is at 2 p.m. today in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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campusbriefs

Early registration for residence halls could earn dining dollars

» Current Eastern students who commit to live in the residence halls or Greek Court could be given \$100 in Dining Dollars at the beginning of the Fall 2007 semester.

Students can sign an Early Bird Contract between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 at the Housing and Dining Office.

Student Government elections coming up next week

» Student Senate elections for the fall semester will take place Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Twenty-one candidates are running for seats on the senate.

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TODAY

Kwanzaa meal at Taylor Dining Center

Time | All Day

Location | Taylor Dining Center

More info | 581-3600

Faculty Senate meeting

Time | 2 p.m.

Location | Booth Library Room 4440

More info | 581-6615

Student Recital

Time | 2 p.m.

Location | McAfee North Auditorium

Price | Free

Student Recital

Time | 7:30 p.m.

Location | Tarble Arts Center

Price | Free

ourmistakes

» In Monday's edition of the Daily Eastern News, the paper ran a photo with a story covering Eastern student's protest over break against the group commonly known as the School of The Americas.

The photographer also participated in the event, and a note should have been made of the conflict of interest.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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VIEWS

TUESDAY
11.28.06Amazon.com
introduces
the futureBy Matt Prewitt
Brown University

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — "How many people live on less than a dollar a day? Imagine if they could earn quadruple that, just by performing menial tasks on a computer for a few hours."

Jeff Bezos, the founder and CEO of Amazon.com quoted above, has created a monstrosity: Amazon Mechanical Turk, a Web site launched in November 2005 that pays people pennies to perform very simple online tasks that are difficult to automate or computerize, like identifying the color of objects in a photo or answering trivia questions.

The name Mechanical Turk comes from an 18th-Century hoax perpetrated by a man named Wolfgang von Kempelen. A supposed chess-playing automaton called "The Turk" began to tour Europe, winning a number of high-profile matches. Audiences were amazed, until the Turk turned out not to be an automaton at all: like the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, a chess master hid in a special compartment, controlling its operations.

Likewise, the Mechanical Turk Web service today performs the tasks of a machine through human hands. Companies or individuals can use the Web service as an online market to outsource rote labor. Let's say you want to write a traveler's guide to Chicago but aren't familiar with the restaurant scene. You could post a task on Mechanical Turk, asking "Turkers" (random workers in cyberspace) to name the city's top 10 restaurants in exchange for a symbolic wage, say three cents. You could even post the same task 100 times, and get a thorough survey for a grand total of three dollars (plus a small commission paid to Amazon). If a "Turker" doesn't perform the job properly or if you aren't satisfied with their work, you don't have to pay them. It's all part of the Mechanical Turk contract.

Anybody can register and start performing tasks, but it's impossible to earn a living on the service. Today, as I browse the postings, I see a lucrative opportunity: someone seeking an English-to-Italian translation is offering \$10, although the translation has to be completed within 60 minutes. For Mechanical Turk, that's an amazing wage.

The world may not be quite ready for this particular revolution. In fact, the system has already run into its first major problem: there are now too many people offering nearly free labor, and too few people posting tasks to keep them all busy.

The concept behind Mechanical Turk is what's truly fascinating about it. Division of labor has been taken to a whole new level, and the possibilities seem endless. For very little money, posters can get "Turkers" to do just about anything.

This is the point where my imagination descends completely into science-fiction-induced overstimulation. I could see the 'Mechanical Turk' marketplace replacing many employees.

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | NATE BEELER



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Athletic department brings
main stage to Eastern

ISSUE | Eastern successfully
pursued bringing the playoff
game to O'Brien Stadium

When Cole Stinson's interception was returned for a touchdown to lock down Illinois State's 24-13 victory on Nov. 27, an estimated crowd of 4,400 (mostly) Eastern fans filed out sadly.

But those 4,400 got an incredible show, and *The Daily Eastern News* would like to thank the athletic department for its second straight year of aggressively pursuing a first-round home game for Eastern football.

For most National Collegiate Athletic Association sports, Division I is the highest level of competition in which Eastern competes. However, for football, that level is split into two — I-A and I-AA. I-A is for the largest schools that make (and spend) large amounts of money with football. I-AA is for teams that (amongst other things) want to keep costs down.

Thus was the playoff format, that Eastern competes in, formed. In this interesting system, 16 teams make the playoffs. The top four, as judged by a selection committee, are seeded one through four and guaranteed home games. For the other four first-round games, teams are matched up more or less geographically, trying to shorten the trips and cut down on travel costs.

Last season, Eastern was matched up against Southern Illinois; this year, it was ISU.

The home team in that case is decided by a series of five criteria: the quality of the stadium, the attendance history, the team's performance, the well-being of the athletes and the revenue potential. Eastern clearly lost the first three, the fourth is a toss-up. The only reason they were awarded the game was clearly the \$30,000 minimum payment they were willing to give the NCAA.

Eastern struggles to build its prestige and student pride at times. It was evident in the student side of the stands at the game, which were virtually empty as students could not be bothered to come home a day early from their breaks. But those who were there got a show they will hopefully remember next year and beyond.

It would be easy to nitpick over the cash shelled out on no guaranteed return, but some things are worth paying for.

And outside of the Tony Romo phenomenon, there is no better opportunity than a playoff game in beautiful weather at O'Brien.

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FEATURED BLOGGER | KATEY MITCHELL



"Borat, or rather Sacha Baron Cohen, the actor who portrays Borat, uses all the prejudices the film presents to its comedic advances."

COLUMNIST | MICHAEL KLEEN

Build a
community

The community is a cell in the organism of society, therefore each community is vital to the economic health and cohesion of the greater whole — the nation.

In our "me" centered society, with its anything-goes, dog-eat-dog mentality, we undermine the glue that holds the community together by focusing on issues that only affect the few rather than the many.

Unfortunately, there are those who want to split the social cohesion of our communities.

They see only Democrat or Republican, black or white, man or woman, gay or straight, Christian or non-Christian, rich or poor, criminal or innocent and on and on until we no longer see our common interests; we only see antagonism and condemnation.

In reality, the community does not split into two or three of these neat categories.

We are a cornucopia of individuals and families who need to see past our own narrow focus in order to nurture the whole growth of the community, not just one portion of it.

We need to support local businesses, create mutual festivals and holidays, contribute to civic projects and lift up the less fortunate among us not by closing factories and running competitors out of town, but by encouraging fair competition, economic growth, affordable education and universally available health care right here where those things will make the most impact.

Many of us come from pluralistic communities, but contrary to what we are taught on Saturday morning TV, we must not nurture those differences or let them divide us.

We must look for commonalities, or the damage that has been done may never be repaired. Because the more we look at each other with suspicion and hostility, the more we identify our neighbors as "the other," and the more we forget about our common interests, the more likely it becomes that the United States will share the same fate as Indonesia, India, South Africa, the former Soviet Union, Yugoslavia or a hundred other countries around the world wrought by religious and ethnic conflict.

The United States has certainly not been immune to its share of internal conflict, and that is all the more reason to begin nurturing a growth of community right now. We need to put our disagreements aside and work together for a cleaner, happier, more productive physical and working environment where everyone sees the positive results of their labor within their existing community.

Because the bonds are so precarious, because what is at stake is so important, we cannot be persuaded by divisive and egotistical philosophies. We must work together and build our community for the greater welfare of the whole.

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GETTING TO KNOW | MARK HUDSON

Director promotes on campus living

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining, sat down with *The Daily Eastern News* Associate News Editor Nicole Miltstead to talk about his job and his hopes for Eastern.

Question: What is your job?

Answer: As the director I have the responsibility for making sure that students get what they pay for. That it is a high level of service and an environment that enhances student's success here at Eastern.

Q: How long have you been here at Eastern?

A: I have been here most recently since 2001 as the director but I was an undergraduate and a graduate student here from 1976 to '83.

Q: What do you think has changed the most on campus from when you were a student to now?

A: Without a doubt the most significant change is the level of technology that is a part of our everyday life. Everything from high-speed Internet connection to cell phone uses to those kind of technological evolutions that have just become our everyday existence.

I also think the other thing that is probably the most different in terms of our department, specifically, is level of flexibility the students have, especially in the dining program. Where you used to be able to eat three times a day at 8 o'clock in the morning, at noon and 5 o'clock in the evening, now you can eat from 7:15 in the morning until 1 o'clock in the morning during the week. (There's) lots of flexibility and lots of different service options.

They used to serve the same thing in all the dining centers, now there are thousands of options students can take advantage of.

Q: Why should students live on campus?

A: The proof is in the outcome. The students who have lived on campus collectively through the years have graduated at a higher rate; they have gotten higher GPAs and have just been overall more successful. I think that's because you have the physical location, you've got that opportunity to connect with other people in your classes and (able to) easily access university resources.

The combination of all these things really enhances students' education because they are actually living in an environment that is supportive of that.

Q: What is the new and the big thing for on campus housing right now?

A: Well right now the new and the big thing is how do you develop more flexibility for students in their living environment? We are in the middle of a program where we are changing out all of the student furniture in all the rooms. And for many of them this means going from a fixed furniture where the desk, the bed and everything is built-in to having this special movable furniture that they can put in 20 different configurations.

So now the big thing in terms of the physical environment is how can students use that to design their room the way they want. In fact they typically change it on average three times a semester so they like to have that kind of flexibility with their space.



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As the director of housing and dining, Mark Hudson decides what his department can do to meet the ever-changing needs of students on campus. Hudson said students who live on campus tend to have better GPAs and graduate at a higher rate than students who live off campus.

Q: Why is Eastern's on campus environment different from other colleges on campus environments?

A: The difference is that this is an integrated college campus because as you walk down the sidewalk you will walk past a residential building and then an academic building and then you run into another residential building, and it really is part in part of the same physical layout where other campus have their academic areas exclusively in one part of campus and their residential in another part of campus.

I think it is a great advantage we have that everything is really entwined together.

Q: What do you hope you can change here at Eastern?

A: Well, I am not sure I am looking for change per say, but I am always looking for ways to meet the ever-changing student need.

Their interest in more privacy, their interest in a higher level of service and making sure they get a good quality return in their investment because that is what living on campus is; it is an investment in their college career and in their education.

I guess what I want to do is make sure that we are in tune with students and making sure we talk to students all the time to incorporate feedback into where we are taking the program so that this program will be a good return on their investment.

Q: Do you have any advice you want to give students?

A: My advice to students is that a university environment offers thousands of opportunities for learning outside the classroom.

Do well with your classes, study hard, go to class and be prepared but then outside that classroom engage in the opportunities that make education come alive. Be engaged in student activities, student organizations, take on leadership responsibilities because that opportunity is where relationships are formed that will last you a lifetime. Skills are developed that will enhance your ability to be successful in the world outside of Eastern.

Q: What makes you so friendly and happy with your job?

A: I think I have the best job on campus. I love interacting with students, I am excited to come to work everyday because I feel if we do our jobs well we will make a difference in the lives of students.

If we don't do it well we could just as easily hurt that opportunity for them to be successful. So, we work hard to think about helping students and helping them be successful ... A lot of times that means helping them find the resources that are available that this campus offers. What makes me happy is seeing students be successful.

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Bush meets with, praises Iraq panel for being possible ally

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday praised a bipartisan commission on Iraq for asking him good questions but said "I'm not going to prejudge" the report the panel soon will issue. He pledged to search with victorious Democrats in Congress for a consensus on how best to proceed. Bush said the goal in Iraq remains "a government that can sustain, govern and defend itself and serve as an ally in this war on terror."

Nuclear suspicion makes Bush call for global isolation of Iran

WASHINGTON — President Bush, responding to concerns Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert brought to the White House, called on Monday for worldwide isolation of Iran until it "gives up its nuclear ambitions." The risk to the world extends beyond Israel and the Middle East, Bush said in Oval Office remarks to reporters after meeting with Olmert for an hour. The United States and Israel say they believe Iran is working on nuclear weapons, although Tehran says its work on the technology is aimed only at producing energy.

U.S. warns Iraq to stop Shiite militias after 91 people die

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. Central Command chief confronted Iraq's prime minister on Monday over how Iraqi forces would halt raging violence and signaled a possible prelude to shifts in American policy on engaging Iran and Syria. The meeting came as sectarian attacks killed at least 91 people throughout Iraq, 46 of them showing signs of torture. The U.S. military announced the deaths of four additional American soldiers.

NATION | NEW ORLEANS



Band director Virgil Tiller and Montrell Givens (both center) pray after the practice in New Orleans Oct. 5, 2006. The famous St. Augustine High School marching band — the Purple Knights, also known as the "Marching 100." ZBIGNIEW BZDAK | MCT

NATION | NEW YORK

Press group asks Rumsfeld to review detention of AP staffer

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The chairman of a press freedom group has asked Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to intervene personally in the case of an Associated Press photojournalist detained by the U.S. military for nearly seven months.

Photographer Bilal Hussein was arrested in Iraq in April under circumstances that remain unclear and unexplained by the Pentagon.

In a letter faxed to Rumsfeld on Nov. 6, Paul E. Steiger, chairman of the Committee to Protect Journalists, said the group was concerned about Hussein's indefinite detention without charges or a trial. He asked Rumsfeld to review the case "to ensure that justice is done."

"He should either be charged with a crime in a court of law and given a fair trial or released at once," Steiger wrote.

A Defense Department

spokesman declined to comment on the letter, which was faxed two days before Rumsfeld's resignation was announced. "We typically don't discuss private correspondence the secretary receives," said Lt. Col. Mark Ballesteros.

Hussein, an Iraqi whose work was part of a package that won a Pulitzer Prize for The Associated Press last year, was detained in Ramadi on April 12.

AP executives repeatedly have sought to persuade U.S. officials

to provide additional information about allegations against Hussein and to have his case dismissed or transferred to the Iraqi criminal justice system. Among its efforts, the AP contacted military leaders in Iraq and the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad.

NATION | WASHINGTON

Pentagon lacks internal watchdog in midst of war

Even while the military spends \$1 billion a month in Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has been without its chief watchdog for more than a year, even as the military spends billions of dollars a month in Iraq and controversy simmers over warrantless surveillance, missing weapons and friendly fire deaths.

President Bush's nominee for the inspector general job is being held up because answers he gave lawmakers have raised concerns with a key senator about his independence.

The inspector general's job was created by Congress more than a quarter century ago to be an independent watchdog to investigate fraud, mismanagement and abuses like the infamously overpriced hammers and toilet seats that became past symbols of Pentagon waste.

The Defense Department's last inspector general, Joseph Schmitz, stepped down in August 2005, and Bush named David Laufman, a federal prosecutor with GOP

credentials, to take over the job months ago. The current inspector general's office has been criticized as being slow to get staff on the ground to investigate Pentagon issues in Iraq and as shying away from examining the National Security Agency's electronic surveillance program.

Laufman's nomination came to a halt after he testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee this summer that the inspector general's law requires him to consult with the defense secretary before embarking on cases involving national security and other sensitive matters.

Career employees inside the inspector general's office alerted Democratic Sen. Carl Levin's office that such consultations would be a major departure from current practice. They said they had discussed their concerns with Laufman but could not change his mind.

Levin, D-Mich., who probably will take over as chairman in January when Democrats assume control of the Senate, said Laufman's willingness to talk to the secretary jeopardized his independence.

"I'm very, very surprised by your answers," Levin said. "I think it's different from the prior practice.

And I think it represents a departure in terms of the independence of the inspector general."

Levin was correct that the current inspector general office hasn't been consulting that way. Laufman was

correct in noting the federal law's language suggests he should. The senator also is challenging Laufman's veracity because career employees said they raised concerns about the issue with Laufman.

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Northern Illinois U. student wins \$25K on game show

(U-WIRE) DEKALB — Answering 10 questions in 10 minutes earned one Northern Illinois University student \$25,000.

Katie Waltman, a senior art history major, was the final contestant on the college edition of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." The show was recorded Oct. 26 and aired Friday.

After taxes, Waltman plans to use half the money to pay off some of her student loans. She said she'll use

the other half as a down payment on a house.

Since her parents are not helping her pay for college, she said it makes them feel a little less guilty now that she has won the money.

While watching the other contestants sit in the hot seat, Waltman said she started to get nervous. She saw college editions of game shows before and thought the questions would be easier than the normal editions.

Despite that, she said a lot of the questions were hard. The difficulty of the questions was pretty random, she said.

"It's just kind of luck, and I was lucky," Waltman said.

Waltman said her original \$25,000-question was, "What European country is bordered by just two other countries?" She said she was pretty sure she knew the answer, but decided to trade the question in for another one. She

said the second question was what Roman god's name is in one of Mozart's symphonies. She guessed incorrectly and walked away with \$25,000.

"After reaching the \$25,000 mark, you can't lose any money, so my final answer was pretty much a free guess," Waltman said.

Waltman works at the Medieval Times in Schaumburg, Ill., and said she doesn't plan on quitting any time soon. She also plans to finish

her education at NIU.

"It was the most stressful thing ever," Waltman said. "Ten times more stressful than finals. Finals are a breeze compared to that."

"I think the best part of the experience was meeting the other college kids and [host] Meredith Vieira," Waltman said. "I'm not sure about the producers because they probably don't want to just hand out money, but she really wants you to win and you can tell."

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UNIVERSITY NEWS | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

No date set to resume contract negotiations

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE – Contract negotiations between the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees and the university's Faculty Association remain on hold while the two sides consider their next meeting date 40 days after administrators made their "best and last" offer.

Bargaining teams representing the union and board entered and exited Thanksgiving break at a standstill after trustees' last proposal on Oct. 18 and the Faculty Association's unanimous rejection of that proposal on Nov. 2.

"Thus far, all that we've heard has been in solid agreement with the conclusion that the board's Oct. 18 offer is seriously inadequate," said union spokeswoman and Vice President Lenore Langsdorf.

BOT contract spokesman Gary Kolb has said the ball is in the union's court, and the university team is awaiting an official response from the Faculty Association team. Kolb, associate dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said union leaders must set up a time to come back to the bargaining table.

Langsdorf, a professor of speech communication, said that time has not been scheduled, and union members are talking with faculty members campuswide to determine the next step.

Contract talks became heated in 2002, and faculty members threatened to strike before an agreement was reached after more than a year of negotiations.

The current contract expired

June 30 but remains in effect until the end of the new contract's negotiations, which began in June.

Langsdorf said she expected that the recent ouster of former Chancellor Walter Wendler would affect the negotiations.

Wendler, who took SIUC's helm in 2001, stepped down from the top spot Nov. 15 on the order of the Board of Trustees and SIU President Glenn Poshard, who cited communication problems, low enrollment and insufficient leadership skills when he announced Wendler's demotion on Nov. 8.

Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman said the union would represent Wendler just as it does other faculty members, regardless if they are union members.

"We have a duty to represent everybody who is covered by the contract, and we intend to do the best we can," Zeman said. "If he needs our help in any way, he should certainly feel free to come to us."

Negotiations have yielded some agreements, but two impasses have stonewalled the contract's completion.

Three issues spurred the deadlocks in August and October, salary being the dominant issue. The Board of Trustees team has rejected union calls for reform to the appeals process for denial of tenure and promotion, along with a request for a vote to determine if all faculty members should pay service charges to the Faculty Association regardless if they are members.

UNIVERSITY NEWS | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Local pipe shop expects hit from smoking ban

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN – As the Champaign, Ill., smoking ban approaches, city and campus businesses are preparing for potential fallout.

The ban, which was approved by the Champaign City Council earlier this year, prohibits smoking in public places including city and campus bars starting on Jan. 31.

Urbana's restaurants became smoke-free on Aug. 1, but the city's bars will make the transition on Jan. 1.

"I think the smoking ban will be devastating," said Patrick Callaghan, the proprietor of Jon's Pipe Shop. He purchased the pipe shop while enrolled at the University of Illinois and became trained in tobacco blending in New York and the Dominican Republic.

Jon's Pipe Shop keeps over 3,000 pipes, 60,000 cigars, and 357 different types of pipe tobacco, Callaghan said.

He said he was concerned with where students would be able to smoke.

"If they can't smoke in bars and they can't smoke in residence halls, then where can the students smoke?" he asked.

Callaghan said that Jon's is "probably in the top 10" of tobacconists in the United States.

When students come to college, they want to try different things, including different types of tobacco, Callaghan said.

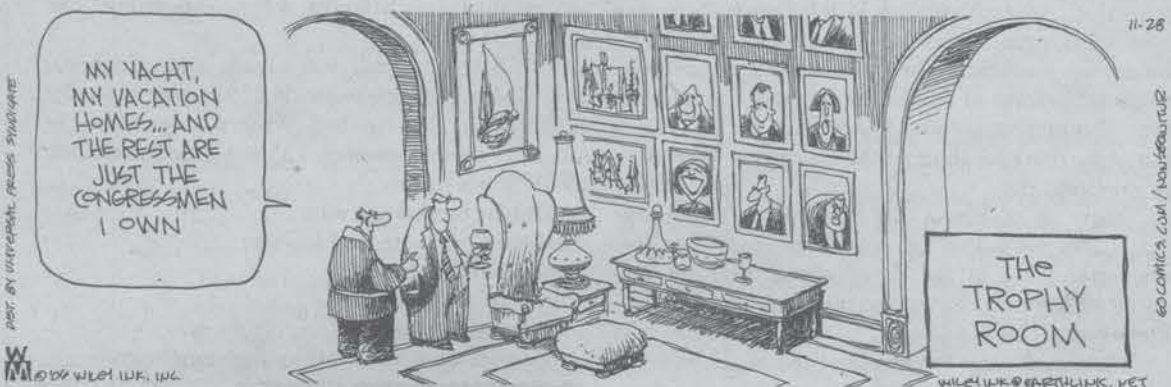
"Voting-age people are supposed to make their own decisions," Callaghan said.

The government should not make decisions for people in their private lives, he added.

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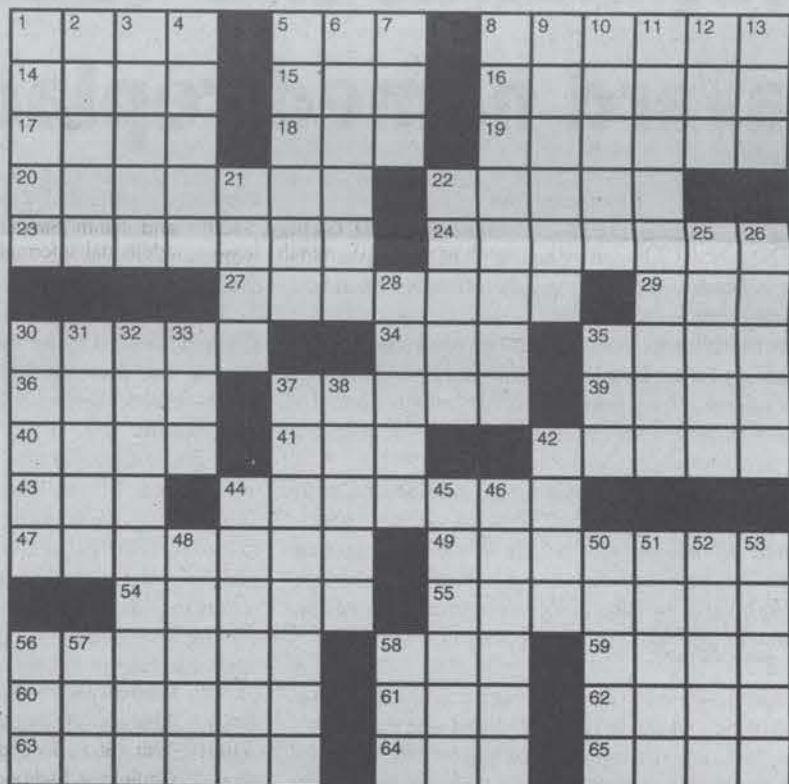


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NATIONAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Hall of Fame chances slim for ex-Cardinal McGwire, survey says

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For one glorious summer, Mark McGwire was bigger than baseball itself. America stopped to watch each time he came to the plate, and cheered every time he sent a ball into orbit.

He could do no wrong, it seemed. Surely he would be a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame someday.

And then came that day on Capitol Hill. Over and over, the big slugger was asked about possible steroid use, and his reputation took hit after hit as he refused to answer. Now, with Hall ballots in the mail, McGwire's path to baseball immortality may have hit a huge roadblock. The Associated Press surveyed about 20 percent of eligible voters, and only one in four who gave an opinion plan to vote for McGwire this year. That's far short of the 75 percent necessary to gain induction.

"There is a clause on the ballot indicating that character should be considered and after his nonperformance at the congressional hearings his character certainly comes into play," said the Dayton Daily News' Hal McCoy.

"He doesn't want to talk about the past?" he said. "Then I don't want to consider his past."

The St. Louis Cardinals, McGwire's last team, suggested calls for McGwire be left with his business manager, Jim Milner. A message left Monday at Milner's office was not returned.

McGwire, who hit 583 career home runs, headlines the ballot released Monday along with Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn. Results will be announced in early January.

"Mark fits the criteria, just like everyone else," Hall chairman Jane Forbes Clark said. "We've been very pleased with the judgment exercised by the writers over the past 70 years of voting."

"The ballot says a player's record of achievement, contributions to the teams, the game, their character, longevity and sportsmanship should be considered. I think this year's balloting will be interesting," she said.

The AP contacted, via e-mails and telephone, about 150 of the approximately 575 present or former members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Of that number, 125 responded, including 25 AP sports writers.

And the breakdown was:

-74 will not vote for McGwire.

-23 will vote for him.

-16 are undecided.

-5 refused to say.

-5 aren't allowed to vote by their employers.

-2 will abstain from voting.

That means if all the undecideds and those refusing to say voted for McGwire, and everyone else voted, McGwire would need 84 percent of the rest to get into the Hall.

Blackhawks fire Yawney, Savard named replacement

The Associated Press

BENSENVILLE — After losing 12 of 15 games, the Chicago Blackhawks went on the offensive Monday, switching coaches and styles.

The Blackhawks fired defense-oriented coach Trent Yawney, replacing him with assistant Denis Savard — a Hall of Fame player whose No. 18 hangs from the United Center rafters. With the new coach comes a faster pace.

"We want to be a pressure team," said Savard, who joined the Blackhawks in 1997 as an assistant coach and will be behind the bench Wednesday against Dallas. "We've got to score more than one or two goals to be able to win. ... We have to be responsible defensively, but offensively, we have to be a little more creative."

Yawney, in his second season coaching the Blackhawks, had 33-55-15 record and one season left on his contract. Chicago has 16 points this season — only Columbus has fewer — and could be on the way to

missing the playoffs for the ninth time in 10 years.

"We're eight points out of the playoffs," general manager Dale Tallon said. "We've only won three of the last 15 games. We want to make a run."

Tallon revamped the roster after the Blackhawks finished 26-43-13, the third-worst record last season. During the preseason, the team seemed faster and more skilled, but the Blackhawks have not met expectations.

"I know that I can turn this around," said Savard, who played 17 years with Chicago, Montreal and Tampa Bay. "We're going to be a team that is exciting to watch. We're going to create a lot more, offensively, with the system we're going to use."

Savard said the team will be more aggressive forechecking, and he expects that to lead to more opportunities on offense.

"We have to play better; that's just a fact," forward Tuomo Ruutu said. "Maybe (Savard) can bring some new things to our team, but I don't think it's going to be totally different. He can't change everything."

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Turkey trials test team

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Tuesday through Thursday before Thanksgiving Break, the men's track and field team competed in an intra-squad time trial, the Turkey time trials.

The team was divided into a blue and a gray squad for the Turkey time trials.

They gray team consisted of the returning athletes and the blue team consisted primarily of freshmen and newcomers.

"The 400, I was sort of hoping we'd run some faster times there," said head coach Tom Akers. "I intentionally sort of split our fast guys into different heats."

Junior hurdler Kirkland Thorton improved in the Turkey Time Trials, Akers said.

"He broke his own record in the 60 meter hurdles," he said. "(He) had the fastest split for the 4 x 400. Kirk did a really good job."

Thorton placed first in 60-meter hurdles and in the 200-meter dash. He also was in first in the 55-meter hurdles.

Freshmen, others stepping up

Freshman runner Marcus Williams had the second fastest split of the 4 x 400's in the Turkey time trials.

"He's looked really strong and really progressed well," Akers said.

The Casey native competed in a variety of events at Casey Westfield High School.

"He's a very smooth runner," Akers said. "He was very successful at the high school level. He's gained a lot of strength, he's gained a lot of endurance."

Williams was first in the 400-meter dash in the Turkey Time Trials.

Williams is not the only freshman to stand out in the early season. Jumper Brandon Jelks also has been rising to the occasion.

"He has continued to improve throughout the fall," Akers said.

Jelks placed first in the 60-meter dash and was first in the 55-meter dash.

"Brandon has been a pleasant surprise for is in the dashes," Akers said. "He's a walk on kid. He did

a lot of events in high school. He high jumped, threw the shot, ran sprints and everything else. He's a very explosive athlete."

It's much more than the freshmen that have been stepping up for the Panthers. Part of the Panther work has come in part from junior runner David Holm. Holm placed first in the 800-meter run in the Turkey Time Trials.

"He's a real hard worker, and he doesn't like to lose," said junior runner Chris Wesson.

Competing against conference

The Panthers won their ninth Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship last season.

"Potentially we're a much better team than we were last year," Akers said.

Eastern has won nine of the past 10 indoor titles and finished second in 2000.

"Our depth is a lot better than last year," Akers said.

Southeast Missouri has been the runner up for the past three years and five of the last six at the OVC Championships.

"Southeast Missouri is also another strong team that is returning," Akers said. "They're returning a lot of their kids from last year. The conference meets are going to be highly competitive this year."

The Panthers are mix of newcomers and returning letterman with experience.

"(In the trials), 21 out of 27 of our guys improved," Wesson said.

Eastern will need the help of everyone if they are to claim its seventh straight OVC indoor track championship.

"It takes all of us as a team to win," Wesson said.

Injuries a possible threat

Two of the male track athletes are currently dealing with injuries.

Senior sprinter Brenton Emmanuel and freshman hurdler Thomas Evans are on the injured list.

"They'll probably not be ready to go by our first meet," Akers said. "(They'll) hopefully (be) back in the fold by the middle of January."

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FROM PAGE 12

This would not happen at almost any other school in the country.

The extension gives Miller a four-year timetable to turn the program around.

But giving a coach a contract extension following a season in which the team's 6-21 record tied the program's worst overall record is perplexing.

The Panthers' women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee received a contract extension last spring despite posting 10-17 seasons in his first two years in Charleston. Last year's team played better in the 2005-06 season than it did in '04-05 and Sallee said back in early October that another 10-17 season is not going to satisfy him.

Head football coach Bob Spoo experienced four straight losing seasons in the early 1990s and knew going into his 1994 season if he did not have a winning season, he'd be fired.

The 6-5 season Eastern had that

year made it possible for Spoo to keep his job.

Twelve years later, Spoo is still here.

Although he missed this season because of health issues, he is still the head coach of Eastern.

The patience Eastern showed in that situation, and has shown in regards to both Miller and Sallee is different than the way most other college's athletic departments seem to operate in today's world.

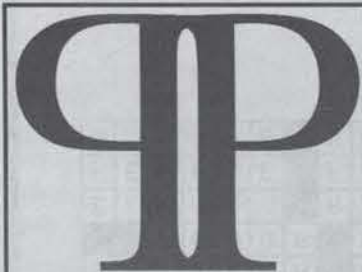
Eastern knows it can't win a national championship every year in every sport.

Eastern doesn't have the warped visions of some schools, like an Alabama, Arizona State or Miami, in thinking that a 9-3 football record or a 20-10 basketball record isn't good enough.

And for that reason, coaches should be thankful to be able to coach here.

But also for that reason, coaches should not let Eastern sports slip into some of the mediocrity it has endured.

After all, a coach's job is based on wins and losses.



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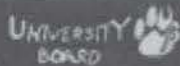
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G- Maggie Eck (5-7, Senior)
G- Jessica Huffman (5-7, Frosh.)

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Starters

F- Lashawn Johnson (6-2, Junior)
F- Kenyatta Shelton (6-1, Soph.)
G- Maggie Krick (5-11, Frosh.)
G- Tiffany Hudson (5-7, Junior)
G- Kristi Cirone (5-8, Soph.)

-ISU leads all-time series 23-8

» ISU

FROM PAGE 12

The Panthers newly installed offense continues to impress as they are averaging 94 points per game, but their defense has been stagnant.

Through four games last season, Eastern surrendered 74.5 points per game, while they have given up 83.5 points per game this season.

Sallee believes his offense is the reason behind the defense's poor play and production.

"By no means do I think our defense is good," Sallee said, "but I don't think it's been that bad. We're probably playing 15 to 20 more possessions a game this year than my first two years. When you're playing this fast-paced game, we set a goal to hold teams to 40 percent shooting."

Sallee seems to have justification to his reasoning as the Panthers are holding opponents to 43 percent shooting, a number that many feel is the true statistic of defense.

Even with the high-powered offense in tact, the Panthers know they're still vulnerable on the defensive end.

"If we're scoring (94 points a game) and we're getting beat," Galligan said, "we're really not helping ourselves much."

Illinois State figures to be a difficult challenge, especially for Galligan who'll match up with Kenyatta Shelton.

The 6-1 freshman ranks in the Top 10 in scoring (13.2 points per game) and rebounding (7.8 rebounds per game) in the MVC.

"She's really athletic and kind of an oversized guard," Galligan said. "She can rebound the ball and drive a little bit. She's a tough player."

Shelton is complimented by the guard combo of Tiffany Hudson and Kristi Cirone. Cirone leads the MVC in assists (6.6 per game), while Hudson is coming off a career day in the Redbirds win against Chicago State. She scored 18 points and dished out nine assists.

"Their players are similar players to what you might see in our program," Sallee said.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Youth shows in OT loss

Inexperienced team beaten by senior-led Illinois-Chicago

By Marco Santana
Associate Sports Editor

The loss to Illinois-Chicago on Nov. 19 at Lantz Arena was a clear case of experience beating inexperience.

At least that's what head coach Brady Sallee said.

"We just had a bunch of freshmen and sophomores playing against a bunch of seniors," he said. "We gotta learn from this. One day that's going to be us."

The Flames beat the Panthers 81-80 in overtime after Eastern fought back from a 7-point deficit in overtime.

"We dug ourselves a hole," said senior guard Meggie Eck. "It's tough to win overtime; it's only 5 minutes."

The Panther came back and took the lead in overtime on a layup by Huffman with 20 seconds left.

But a jumper from the baseline by UIC's Kelly True gave UIC the win.

The tight game reminded Sallee of last season's 80-78 overtime loss to Butler.

In that game, Megan Edwards had a shot blocked at the end of the game.

The close game was the first time the freshman class had a chance to win.

This season, the UIC game was the first game that was

close throughout.

"We've got a bunch of babies out there learning under fire," Sallee said. "Unfortunately, (they were) playing against a senior-led basketball team."

Offense leads to mistakes

The Panthers' running style of offense could be pretty exciting this year.



Jessica Huffman
Freshman point guard is averaging 20.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

The 94 points is more than 10 points per game more than the second place team, Eastern Kentucky.

With the speed of the offense and the youth on the court, Sallee said turnovers are going to be a part of the game.

"When you're playing at that speed, I think you are going to turn the ball over," he said. "We accept that as long as they're good ones. We're just going to have to continue learning how to play at this speed."

The Panthers are third in the OVC with 21.8 turnovers per game.

Panthers garner awards

The Panthers look like they'll be battling for Ohio Valley Conference freshman of the week awards quite a bit this season, much like last season when Edwards won the award three times and center Rachel Galligan won it twice.

Freshman point guard Jessica Huffman won the award last week after averaging 20 points in her first three games.

In her debut against Bradley, Huffman scored 23 points and helped the Panthers beat the Braves 92-75.

Canale returns to lineup

Eastern's backcourt continues to get healthier.

Ellen Canale, who missed the first three games of the season with mononucleosis, returned for the Panthers game against Indiana State on Nov. 21.

She played 9 minutes and scored two points as Sallee tries to work her minutes up.

"She doesn't have her game legs under her," he said. "She did some good things."

Sophomore Kara Kramer, who has a stress fracture in her left foot, has been getting tested every week.

However, the guard has not seen much improvement, Sallee said.

"She's still day-to-day," he said. "There is no news on it. I'd like to think it's getting better."

Edwards is out for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee.

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MATT DANIELS | OUT OF BOUNDS

Time is unusual luxury for EIU coaches

Being a college sports coach has to be one of the most taxing jobs around. Or at least one of the most stressful jobs there is.

A coach isn't judged on past successes, graduation rates or how many hours they put in a week.

Basically, a coach is judged on how many wins and losses they have.

Which, fair or not, is probably how a coach's job status should be judged.

Sports are a competitive endeavor, coached by competitive people and played by competitive participants. If a football team goes 6-6, most of the blame will go to the coach. It should.

The coach is essentially the face of the program, the person

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easily associated when a team is mentioned.

In the world of Division I-A sports, especially football, where administrators have to make sure the program is given the right perception to alumni and the appropriate boosters, it is a cutthroat business.

Have a year where the goals aren't met and a team struggles to a 6-6 record, even though a coach has been faced with restrictions

resulting from probation when he wasn't there and an 0-4 record against your rival — hello ex-Alabama head coach Mike Shula — chances are, you're getting fired.

A coach should have the mindset after a 6-6 or 7-5 season at a prestigious I-A program that their job is in question.

Four football coaches at major universities have already been fired in the last five days.

All the coaches (Larry Coker, Chuck Amato, Dirk Koetter and Mike Shula) had a winning overall record before getting canned.

Here at Eastern, it is somewhat of a different atmosphere.

As a coach here, the ultimate goal is to win a national championship in every sport.

This is not feasible.

Eastern does not have the athletes, the athletic budget or the facilities to compete with some of the nation's top athletic programs.

But nonetheless, Eastern sports generally field competitive teams that compete for conference championships and a spot in postseason play.

However, after saying all that, coaches here do not have the media scrutiny, the alumni pressure or pressure from the administration those other colleges have.

Eastern men's basketball head coach Mike Miller was given a contract extension after his first year in which he went 6-21.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. ILLINOIS STATE

Galligan returns home to face ISU

By Marc Correnti
Staff Reporter



Freshman guard Ashley Thomas defends University of Illinois Springfield senior guard Jasmin Lassere Nov. 17 at Lantz Arena. The Panthers defeated the Prairie Stars 111-76. Eastern has lost two games in a row after winning their first two regular season games.

NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

It came down to Eastern Illinois and Illinois State.

Rachel Galligan had to make a decision.

The decision was made as the Bloomington native will step into Redbird Arena tonight with her No. 52 Panther-blue jersey facing familiar friends on a team that she passed on.

With family and friends in the stands, it won't be a normal regular season game for the 6-foot-2 inch sophomore.

"It'll be interesting," Galligan said. "I've played at Redbird Arena before, so it feels like a home game to me."

While it may feel like a homecoming for Galligan, it might feel like a conference game to the rest of the Panthers (2-2).

Today's game with Illinois State (3-2) will mark the third opponent Eastern has faced from the Missouri Valley Conference.

It had varying results in the first two meetings against Bradley (92-75 victory) and Indiana State (102-86 loss).

Playing so many MVC teams gives the Panthers a chance to test themselves against a strong conference.

"I think it makes sense to play those teams," Eastern head coach Brady Saltee said. "Our kids get jazzed up to play them, and I think the in-state rivalries are important. Why travel all over America when you got teams in your backyard?"

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FOOTBALL | BEN BROWN

Brown's dismissal not a distraction

By Matthew Stevens
Sports Reporter

A seventh consecutive playoff loss has the Eastern coaching staff looking for answers but none of them revolve around the dismissal of starting cornerback Ben Brown.

"He was not a distraction because we didn't mention him all week," said Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni. "I didn't think it was a factor in regards to preparation."

Eastern's players were aware of the suspension but simply chalked it up to another player missing a game, which was a common occurrence this season.

"I think we moved on well," said tailback Vincent Webb Jr. "That situation was kind of like the spirit of our season from losing coaches to losing players all year."

With 26 players from Florida and three players dismissed from the team in the last year from the Sunshine State, Eastern is not concerned about its recruiting practices. The Panthers staff is heading south to recruit in two weeks.

"Eventually it falls on the kid making a good decision or ruining his life," Bellantoni said.

According to the 2006 NCAA Graduation Rate statistics, Eastern's football team had a graduation rate of 62 percent, which was the same as the student body.

"Coach Spoo always says find the right players not the best

players," Bellantoni said.

The disappointment over Brown's actions, which are unconfirmed by the university and athletics department, is so deep members of the Eastern coaching staff bring him up in discussion as "that player" or simply not at all.

"It's not that we ignored the problem but we had all our meetings and practices without pointing out he wasn't here," Bellantoni said. "And I'll never mention his name ever again."

Repeated attempts to contact Brown via phone calls were not successful.

The Panthers starting defensive back and 2004 Ohio Valley Conference Second Team selection was kicked off the team after violating an unspecified team policy.

Brown was informed of the team's decision the morning of Nov. 20.

"We had won games without starters all year and we thought we'd do it again," Bellantoni said.

Brown was named a captain this season after being a three-year letterman and emotional leader on the defensive side of the ball.

"We gave that player that honor in the hopes he'd turned



Ben Brown
Former captain



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Senior running back Vincent Webb Jr. rushed for 54 yards on 14 carries in Saturday's 24-13 loss to Illinois State.

a corner," Bellantoni said. "You're going to get fooled sometimes."